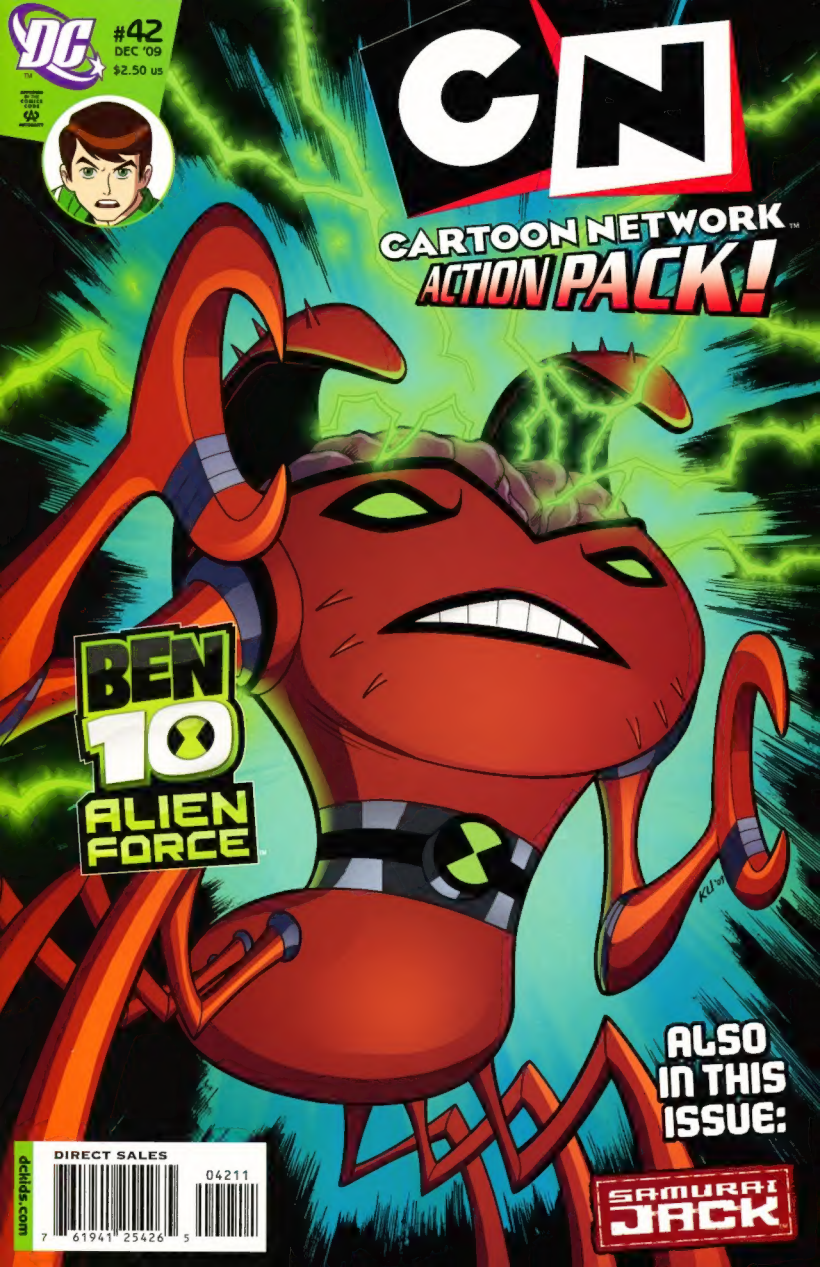
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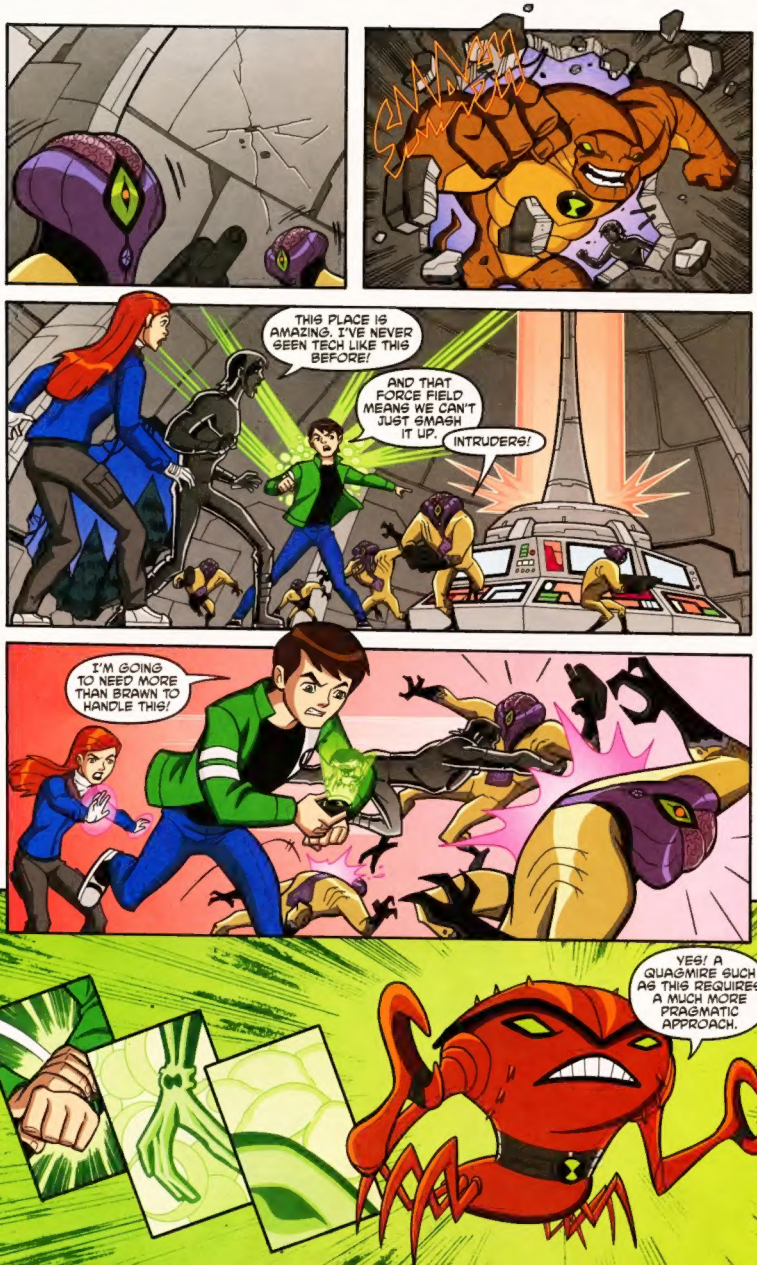
WHAT IS IT?
I DON'T KNOW, BUT IT'S NOT SUPPOSED TO BE HERE. THE BACKCOUNTRY IS SUPPOSED TO BE PROTECTED LAND. NO BUILDINGS.
WE BETTER CHECK IT OUT.
IT'S PROBABLY JUST A RANGER STATION. NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.
THAT'S NO RANGER STATION.
D'NALIENS? NOT GOOD.

IT IS OPERATIONAL.
EXCELLENT. SEND THE FIRST BEACON.
IF IT'S SENDING A BEACON THEN MORE DNALIENS WILL BE HERE SOON.
WE'VE GOT TO SHUT IT DOWN.
ANOTHER WEATHER MACHINE?
I DON'T THINK SO. HE SAID "SEND THE BEACON." IT'S GOT TO BE A COMMUNICATIONS TOWER.
WHIRM WHIRM WHIRM
IT'S HERO TIME!

BEN TENNYSON!
THAT'S ME. LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TO MY FRIEND...
HUMONGOUSAUR!
TURN OFF THE BEACON!
IT'S TOO LATE.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN IT'S TOO LATE?
ONCE THE BEACON HAS BEEN ACTIVATED, IT CANNOT BE TURNED OFF!

THEN I GUESS WE'LL JUST HAVE TO DESTROY IT.
BEN! WE'VE GOT TO GET INSIDE THE COMPLEX!
YEAH! LET'S SMASH IT UP INSIDE OUT!
LEAVE THAT TO ME!


THIS PLACE IS AMAZING. I'VE NEVER SEEN TECH LIKE THIS BEFORE!
AND THAT FORCE FIELD MEANS WE CAN'T JUST SMASH IT UP.
INTRUDERS!
I'M GOING TO NEED MORE THAN BRAWN TO HANDLE THIS!
YES! A QUAGMIRE SUCH AS THIS REQUIRES A MUCH MORE PRAGMATIC APPROACH.

I CANNOT TERMINATE THE SIGNALING BEACON, BUT PERHAPS I CAN REROUTE...
THE SIGNALING BEACON IS TOO STRONG.
PERHAPS, MY GOOD CHAP, BUT NOT EVEN THE LARGEST SOUND WAVE CAN COMPLETELY WITHSTAND... INTERFERENCE.
ECHO!
ECHO!
ECHO!
ECHO!
WOOOOO
WOOOOOOO
WOOO
WOOOO
WHAT'S HAPPENING?
UNKNOWN!
GUYS.
RUN.

BOOOM
WHAT DID YOU DO, TENNYSON?
BRAINSTORM FIGURED OUT THAT THE ENERGY FIELD WAS CARRYING THE SIGNAL WAVES INTO SPACE. USING ECHO ECHO, I CONFUSED IT.
THE ENERGY THOUGHT THE SIGNAL WAVES WERE TRAVELING DOWN INSTEAD OF UP, SO IT DOUBLED BACK ON ITSELF.
AND THE ENERGY DESTROYED THE TOWER. BUT WHAT HAPPENED TO THE BUILDING?
THE BEAM PICKED UP THE DNALIENS AND EVERYTHING, AND CARRIED THEM ALL UNDERGROUND, THINKING THEY WERE THE SIGNAL.
I GOTTA ADMIT, THAT'S PRETTY SWEET.
I'M READY TO GET OFF THIS MOUNTAIN.
ME TOO. YOU THINK YOU CAN AVOID THE ROCKS THIS TIME, KEVIN?
VERY FUNNY.
THE END

TELL ME THE ANSWER.
NEVER!
TELL ME!!
NO! I--I CAN'T!
PRETTY PLEASE?
OH, ALL RIGHT...
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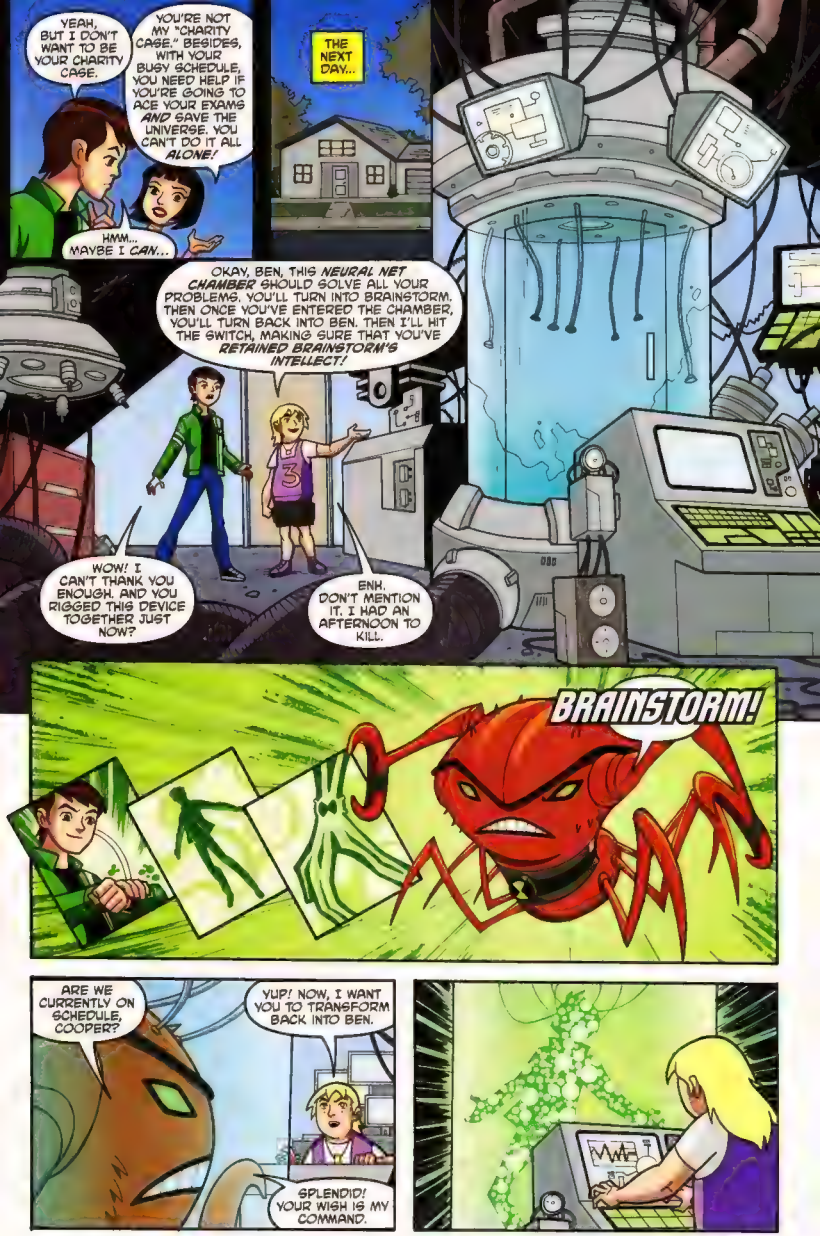
OKAY, SO IF I HAVE A TRUCK THAT'S GOING 88 MILES PER HOUR, AND I'M TWELVE MILES FROM THE TRUCK STOP, AND THE TRUCK LEFT THE REFUELING STATION FIFTEEN MINUTES AGO, IT'LL TAKE...
UGH, I'M NEVER GOING TO GET THIS MATH PROBLEM RIGHT!
IT'S OKAY. YOU'RE TRYING REALLY HARD.
ALGEBRA
ALGEBRA
MATHEMATICS


YEAH, BUT I DON'T WANT TO BE YOUR CHARITY CASE.
YOU'RE NOT MY "CHARITY CASE," BESIDES, WITH YOUR BUSY SCHEDULE, YOU NEED HELP IF YOU'RE GOING TO ACE YOUR EXAMS AND SAVE THE UNIVERSE. YOU CAN'T DO IT ALL ALONE!
HMM... MAYBE I CAN...
THE NEXT DAY...
OKAY, BEN, THIS NEURAL NET CHAMBER SHOULD SOLVE ALL YOUR PROBLEMS. YOU'LL TURN INTO BRAINSTORM. THEN ONCE YOU'VE ENTERED THE CHAMBER, YOU'LL TURN BACK INTO BEN. THEN I'LL HIT THE SWITCH, MAKING SURE THAT YOU'VE RETAINED BRAINSTORM'S INTELLECT!
WOW! I CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH. AND YOU RIGGED THIS DEVICE TOGETHER JUST NOW?
ENH. DON'T MENTION IT. I HAD AN AFTERNOON TO KILL.
BRAINSTORM!
ARE WE CURRENTLY ON SCHEDULE, COOPER?
YUP! NOW, I WANT YOU TO TRANSFORM BACK INTO BEN.
SPLENDID! YOUR WISH IS MY COMMAND.

WELL, BEN? HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
MY DEAR COOPER, WHY SHOULD I FEEL ANY DIFFERENTLY? I MEAN, MY TEMPERATURE IS EVEN, MY PULSE IS NOT EXACTLY SOARING--
MY WORD! I DARESAY MY ELOCUTION HAS JUMPED A FEW NOTCHES ON THE EVOLUTIONARY SCALE, EH?
YOU'RE WELCOME.
I HAVE A COMMENT.
AND SO...
GREAT WORK, BEN!
MUCH OBLIGED, I'M SURE.
UH... THANKS, I THINK.
TOOLS NEEDED:
INTERACTIVE NOTEBOOK
SUPPLY
TODAY'S AGENDA
LEARNING TARGET
Quiz
Concept Attainment
TEN COMMANDME OF MATHEMATIC
WOW, I'M REALLY IMPRESSED, BEN! YOU ACED IT AGAIN, HUH?
IT'S NOTHING. SUCCESS SEEMS TO... FLOW NATURALLY FROM ME THESE DAYS.
WELL, TO BE HONEST, THAT'S WHAT I'M WORRIED ABOUT...
I DON'T KNOW... EVER SINCE YOU'VE ABSORBED BRAINSTORM'S INTELLECT, YOU'VE BECOME MORE...
COLD.

THAT'S RIGHT, BEN. YOU'VE BECOME COLD.
LIKE YOU'RE SOMEHOW BETTER THAN US NOW.
WELL, REALLY, CAN THAT BE HELPED?

PLEASE DON'T TAKE THIS THE WRONG WAY, BUT I NOW POSSESS A MENTAL CAPACITY THAT IS, DARE I SAY, SUPERHUMAN. MEANWHILE, YOU'RE ALL SIMPLY...HUMAN.
SO YOU SEE, I ACTUALLY AM BETTER THAN YOU.
HEY! NOW LOOK HERE, BEN--

WELL, THAT CAN'T BE GOOD.

I AM THE FOREVERBOT, THE FOREVER KNIGHTS' NEWEST WEAPON.
ENEMIES OF THE FOREVER KNIGHTS, PREPARE TO MEET THY DOOM!
OH, YOU GOTTA BE KIDDIN' ME.

WELL, I AM IN THE MOOD TO KICK A LITTLE BUTT TODAY. BRING IT, RUSTY!
YOU SAID IT.
WAIT! AS HUMONGOUSAUR, I SHALL DISPATCH THIS FILTHY BLACKGUARD WITH A ROUND OF FISTICUFFS THE LIKES OF WHICH THIS WORLD HAS NEVER SEEN!
OH, GREAT. HE EVEN SOUNDS LIKE BRAINSTORM WHEN HE'S OTHER ALIENS!
JUST LET ME ROUGH HIM UP FIRST, THEN HE'S ALL YOURS, BEN.
NO, I DON'T THINK SO. I SHALL VANQUISH THIS FOE ALL ALONE. YOUR AID IS NOT NEEDED. NOR IS YOURS, DEAR COUSIN GWEN.
OH, THAT'S IT!
HEY, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
YOU'LL SEE!
BUT THAT'S COOPER'S HOUSE!
BINGO!
KEVIN? WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
I APOLOGIZE IN ADVANCE, DUDE.
APOLOGIZE? FOR WHAT?

UH-OH, THAT ROBOT'S GONNA...
CRUNCH
FOR THAT.
MY NEURAL NET CHAMBER! IT'S RUINED!
...FALL.
KEVIN, YOU OWE ME FOR THIS.
HEY, I SAID I WAS SORRY.
WAIT, WHERE'S BEN?
WHAT HAPPENED? WHERE AM I?
MY HEAD HURTS.
QUICK, BEN. WHAT'S THE SQUARE ROOT OF PI?
UGH. DON'T MENTION PIE TO ME. I'M NOT GONNA EAT ANYTIME SOON. TOO NAUSEOUS.
YEAH, HE'S BACK TO NORMAL.
END

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LIKE FATHER

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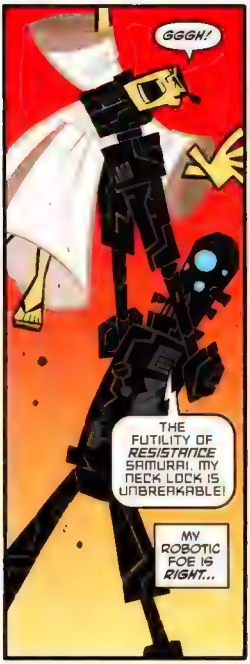
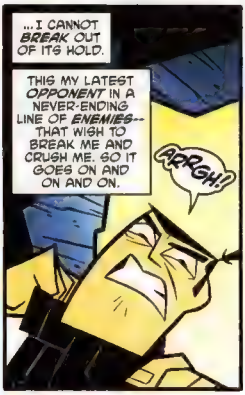
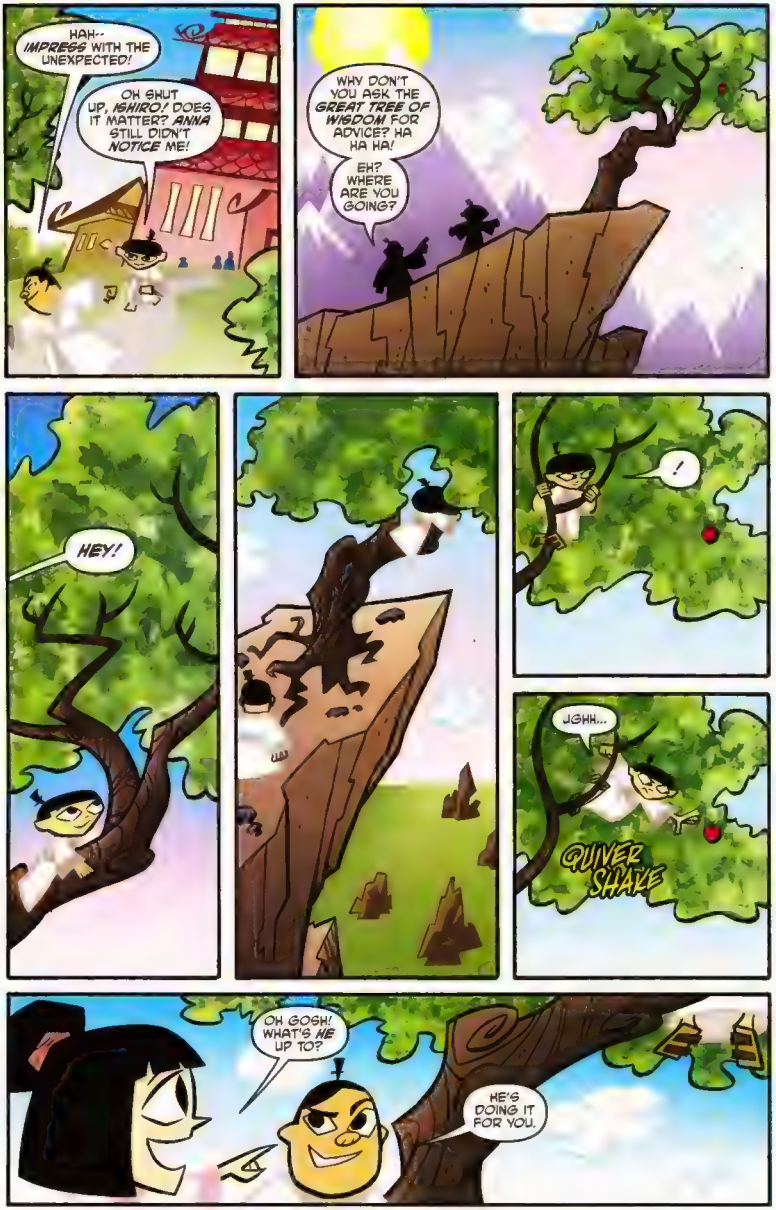



...I CANNOT BREAK OUT OF ITS HOLD.
THIS MY LATEST OPPONENT IN A NEVER-ENDING LINE OF ENEMIES-- THAT WISH TO BREAK ME AND CRUSH ME. SO IT GOES ON AND ON AND ON.
ARRGH!

GIR!
MY MIND ESCAPES TO A TIME LONG PAST...
...OF A TIME BEFORE AKU.
THAT DEPENDS ON WHICH *WAY* YOU COUNT, SIR!
THE *QUESTION* WAS WHICH *NUMBER* COMES FIRST? AND AN UNEXPECTED ANSWER...
...*THREE* COMES BEFORE *FOUR*, OF COURSE--UNLESS ONE IS COUNTING *DOWN*, THAT IS!
WELL DONE, BOY!
IMPRESS WITH THE UNEXPECTED!
CLASS DISMISSED!


HAH-- IMPRESS WITH THE UNEXPECTED!
OH SHUT UP, ISHIRO! DOES IT MATTER? ANNA STILL DIDN'T NOTICE ME!
WHY DON'T YOU ASK THE GREAT TREE OF WISDOM FOR ADVICE? HA HA HA!
EH? WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
HEY!
!
JGHH...
QUIVER SHAKE
OH GOSH! WHAT'S HE UP TO?
HE'S DOING IT FOR YOU.

NNGG... IMPRESS...
...WITH THE... UH...
...UNEXPECTED!
WOW!
ANNA--
--I HAVE A GIFT..
...FOR YOU.

LATER--

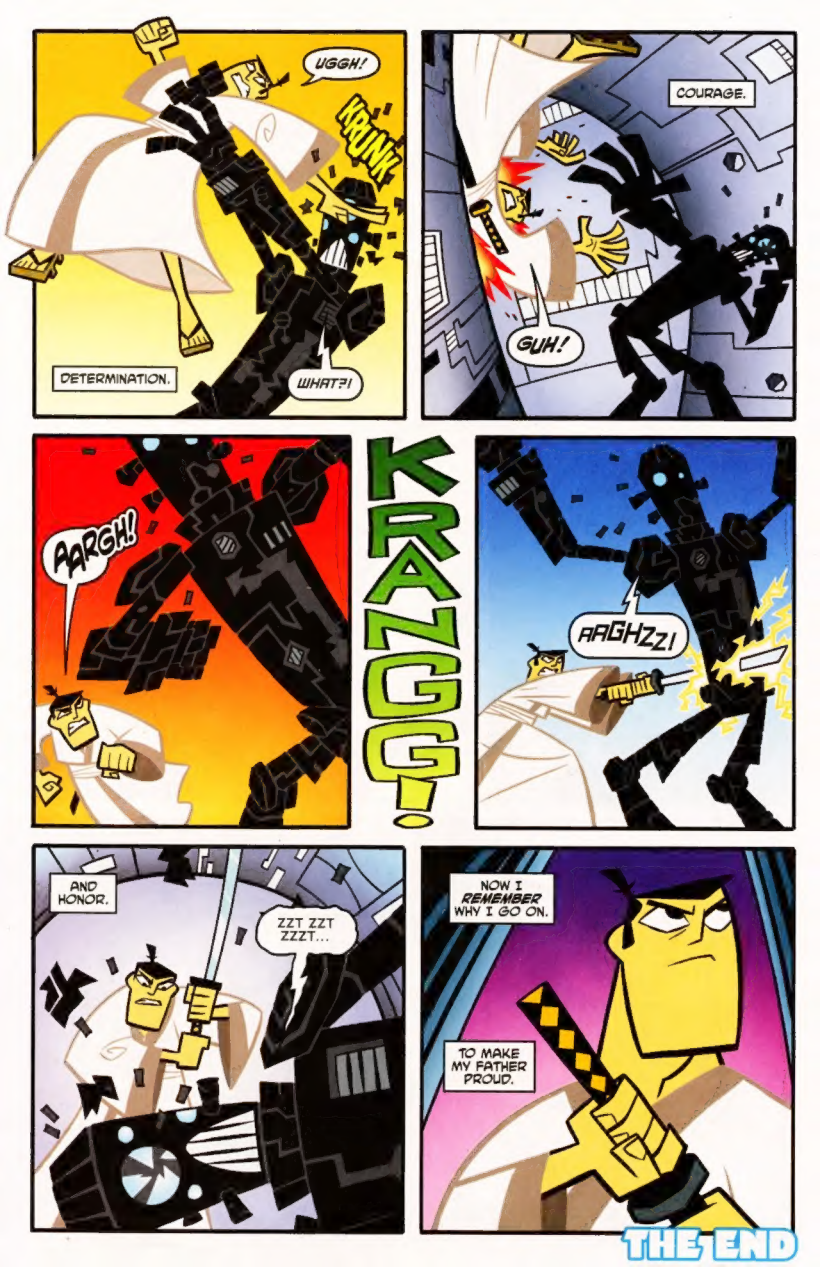
SON...

...I HEARD FROM SCHOOL TODAY THAT YOU TOOK AN APPLE FROM THE TREE OF WISDOM? WHAT AM I TO DO WITH YOU, BOY?
LET ME LOOK AT YOU.

SOME OLDER CHILDREN TOOK THE APPLE FROM ME. I COULD NOT STOP THEM. FATHER, I AM A COWARD AND I AM WEAK.
NO...!

THEY TOOK IT FROM YOU, YES, BUT NOT WITHOUT A STRUGGLE. I SEE BEFORE ME NOT A TWISTED WRIST BUT DETERMINATION...
...I DON'T SEE A SCRAPE TO THE FOREHEAD, ONLY COURAGE. NOT A BLACK EYE, THIS SAYS TO ME HONOR INSTEAD.

SON, YOU MAKE ME PROUD. NEVER FORGET.


UGGH!
KRUNK
DETERMINATION.
WHAT?!
COURAGE.
GUH!
AARGH!
KRANGG!
ARGHZZ!
AND HONOR.
ZZT ZZT ZZZT...
NOW I REMEMBER WHY I GO ON.
TO MAKE MY FATHER PROUD.
THE END

Send your letters today:

JOHNNY DC SAYS: LET THE MAIL BEGIN!

What's better than a sack full of Halloween candy? Brand new episodes of BEN 10: ALIEN FORCE every Friday night! (Well, the candy's not bad either. Why not eat it while you watch the 'toons?) This season Ben bumps into more creeps than in a haunted house, so stay tuned for special appearances by Charmcaster and Ghost Freak! But the action doesn't stop there. Hang on for the world premiere live-action movie – BEN 10: ALIEN SWARM. Coming this November only on Cartoon Network!

DRAWING BY RYAN GLUCHOWSKI

Dear Johnny DC,

BEN 10: ALIEN FORCE is aaawwwesome! My favorite alien is Jetray, because he is very useful in Ben 10: Alien Force Game Creator!

Kyle Zhang, age 7
Foster City, California

DRAWING BY KYLE ZHANG

"BEN VILGAX"
BY FINDLAY O. MULLIGAN

Dear Johnny DC,

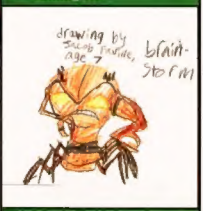
I made a picture of Brainstorm, which is my favorite alien in BEN 10: ALIEN FORCE. I love reading your comics again and again.

I also have some questions:

1. Why is Kevin so concerned about his car?
2. How does Swampfire heal himself when his arm gets cut off, like in TV episode #1?
3. Does Chromastone have to absorb energy to attack with the multicolored energy?

Jacob Faville
Avon, New York

1. Kevin put a lot of work and money into that car. (Also, it might be easier for him to show he likes a car than -- let's say -- another person -- like, um -- Gwen Tennyson.)
2. Swampfire is part plant. Plants grow stuff back more easily and differently than animals.
3. Yes. Energy doesn't come from nowhere (Albert Einstein taught me that)!
— Johnny DC



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NEXT MONTH: Speaking of the world premiere live-action movie BEN 10: ALIEN SWARM, next issue has a special story that leads into it! See Ben's grandpa Max in action as one of the greatest plumbers the universe had ever seen. Discover Elena's big secrets. And finally, Kevin gets wind of some black market alien tech being sold!

DRAWING BY ISAAC VENT, AGE 8

Finally, our "sister" comic book, CARTOON NETWORK BLOCK PARTY, ended recently, but we're still getting letters from fans of the fall-down-funny Cartoon Network hits that appeared in it. Here's CHOWDER from Kelsey Eaves, from Charlotte, North Carolina.

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Write to Johnny DC!
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